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Second South Kitsap bank robbery

Port Orchard, Wash. -- For the second time in a week, Kitsap County Sheriff's detectives are working with special agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), investigating another afternoon robbery of a South Kitsap branch of Washington Mutual Bank.

The robbery occurred shortly after 2:10 p.m. today at the branch office located at 4350 SE Mile Hill Drive, in the South Park Village Shopping Center, outside the city limits of Port Orchard. A single male suspect entered the bank and accomplished, what investigators term, "a take over robbery" of the financial institution.

This branch was robbed in the same manner on Friday, June 23, just after 1:50 p.m.

Kitsap County Central Communications (911 dispatch) was first notified of the robbery at 2:15 p.m. with a call to 911 from bank personnel, followed by a bank hold-up alarm. Sheriff's patrol deputies, together with officers from the Port Orchard Police Department, began arriving on-scene at 2:16 p.m. and set containment of the bank and the surrounding area. Also assisting were two aircraft units of the Washington State Patrol.

A Sheriff's K-9 deputy and his police service dog arrived at the shopping center and attempted a track of the suspect without success.

Investigators are quite certain that the suspect in this robbery is also the same person responsible for last Friday's robbery, as well as two robberies of the East Bremerton branch of Kitsap Bank, 3425 Wheaton Way, that occurred on Tuesday, May 30, and again on Thursday, June 22.

The FBI provided a description of today's suspect as:

- Adult male, possibly Hispanic or a (light skin tone) African American.
- 5' 06" – 5' 10" tall, medium build.
- Facial hair in the form of a thin moustache.
- Mid-to-late twenties in age; possible early thirties.
- Wearing a short-sleeve, long, white-colored tee-shirt outside of his trousers.
- Dark jeans and white-colored athletic shoes.

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The suspect wore a green-colored knit hat with a Seattle Sonics logo. The knit hat was pulled down over his face to obscure facial features. He was observed carrying a white plastic shopping bag.

Entering the bank the suspect verbally ordered everyone inside the building to "Get down!" before gathering up cash money and fleeing on foot. Witnesses did not report seeing the suspect with a weapon.

A still frame photograph depicting the suspect leaving the bank is attached. This photograph was obtained from the bank's video surveillance system during the robbery on June 23. Photographs from today's robbery were not immediately available.

Persons with information about either of the two robberies of the South Kitsap Washington Mutual Bank branch, or the suspect, are requested to contact the FBI's Seattle Office at (206) 622-0460, or Kitsap County Sheriff's Detective Phil Doremus at (360) 337-5616, or Kitsap County Central Communications at 9-1-1.

Those wishing to remain anonymous may contact Crime Stoppers of Puget Sound at 1-800-CRIME-13.



**Suspect departing branch of Washington Mutual Bank
4350 SE Mile Hill Drive, South Kitsap**

Time & date: 1:53 p.m., Friday, 06/23/2006.

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